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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR SJCOG 2000/01 FTIP THROUGH  
AMENDMENT No. 3

On December 12, 2000 and January 5, 2001, Caltrans submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a request for approval of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) FY 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 1, and Amendment Nos. 2 and 3, respectively, for inclusion into California's 2000/0-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). On October 27, 2000 and December 11, 2000, SJCOG forwarded to FHWA and FTA the supporting conformity determination information for the amendments. The SJCOG conformity analysis indicates that all air quality conformity requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) August 15, 1997, Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (Transportation Conformity Rule) have been met. On December 7, 2000, the SJCOG Policy Board found that the FTIP through Amendment No. 3 conformed to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

FHWA and FTA have completed our review of the SJCOG conformity determination for the 2000/01 FTIP through Amendment No. 3. This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination for the FTIP as amended. This conformity determination is made in accordance with the requirements of the conformity procedures of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) as provided within the Transportation Conformity Rule. This finding was coordinated with the EPA.

We also find that the SJCOG FTIP through Amendment No. 3 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SJCOG's 2000/01 FTIP Amendment 1-3 into California's 2000/01-2002/03 FSTIP. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

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